GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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INCENTIVES TO NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Union Government has been drawn to the News itemcaptioned `Newspapers suffering due to Government policies` as reported in The Hindu dated January 5, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government policies are hampering the growth of newspaper industry in the country;

(d) if so, the details of representations received by the Union Government to provide various incentives to news paper industry; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government on such representations ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c),(d) & (e) : The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting have beenreceiving representations from the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) from time to timehighlighting certain issues of concern to the newspapers industry and the demands raised by the INS have been examined in the Ministry on merit.